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FROM CRO

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SUBJECT: AMERICAN ESCORT FOR COURIER 300

1. EFFECTIVE MAY 19TH, AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, COURIER 300 ARRIVING KINSHASA ON SUNDAY EVENINGS VIA RK 49, WILL BE MET BY CUSTOMS EXPEDITER AND AMERICAN ESCORT (C&R).
 2. COURIER AND POUCHES WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH CUSTOMS AND BE MET BY AMERICAN ESCORT IN FRONT OF AIRPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION TO EMBASSY AND HOTEL.
 3. THIS ACTION IS NECESSITATED BY RECENT INCREASE IN INCIDENTS AND UNREST. THIS HAS RESULTED IN NUMEROUS ROADBLOCKS (MILITARY) BEING ERECTED BETWEEN AIRPORT AND CITY AT WHICH BOTH VEHICLE AND PASSENGERS ARE BEING SEARCHED.
 4. WE DO NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS BUT AS A PRECAUTION BELIEVE IT IN BEST INTERESTS OF SECURITY AND SAFETY TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE. IN ADDITION POST WILL PROVIDE ENGLISH/FRENCH/LINGALA SPEAKING DRIVER IN EVENT HIS SERVICES NEEDED. A CD VEHICLE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF CD VEHICLES BEING STOPPED AND SEARCHED. FURTHER REPORTING WILL BE PROVIDED AS SITUATION DICTATES.
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